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REMARKS

The examiner rejects claims 1-6, 8-10, 13, 15-21, 23-25, 28-31, 33, 34, and 36-40 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nordmark, et al. "Spherulitic crystallization of gelatinized maize starch and its fractions" Carbohydrate Polymers 49 (2002) 439-448.

Prior to the present amendment, claims 1-26 and 28-40 were pending. In the present amendment, applicants have amended claims 1, 8, 9, 11, 14, and 26; and cancelled claims 6, 7, 20, 21, 23-25, and 38-40. Accordingly, claims 1-5, 8-19, 22, 26, and 28-37 are currently pending.

Support for the amendment to claim 1 can be found in original claims 6 and 7. No new matter has been entered by the amendment of the claims.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The examiner indicates that claims 7, 11, 12, 14, 22, 26, and 32 are objected as being dependent upon a rejected based claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, applicants have added the features of claim 7 into independent claim 1. Applicants have also re-written claim 14 in independent form.

Applicants sincerely thank the examiner for his indication of allowable subject matter. Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of all of the claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in proper form for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited. If resolution of any remaining issue is

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required prior to allowance of the application, it is respectfully requested that the examiner contact applicants' attorney at the telephone number provided below.

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